## House Resolution No. 4277

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens, especially its institutions of worship; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize the Fulton, Missouri, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, which is hosting an open house on Saturday, July 21, 2007; and

Whereas, the Fulton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints was initially established on November 4, 1979, at 300 South Ravine Street, in Fulton, with Larry Wilkerson as the first Branch President and Steve McCracken and Harry Rice as Counselors, representing forty-three members and twelve families; and

**Whereas**, by 1984, the Church had grown to one hundred forty-eight members and more than fifty-four families; and

**Whereas**, a new building was erected at 1603 Kingwood Drive in 1986, an event which was celebrated with an open house on May 30 and June 1 of that year; and

Whereas, subsequent Branch Presidents were Gary Nevels, Perry Lovett, and Wesley Saling, and in May 2000, the Church was deemed a Ward, with Melvin Messer as the first Bishop, who served until Spencer Palmer became their second Bishop; and

Whereas, in May 2006, the congregation planned a number of renovations to their building, prompting them to meet in the Callaway Convention Center; and

Whereas, on May 26, 2007, the renovations were completed and the congregation met for the first time in the refurbished building on Kingswood Drive; and

**Whereas**, the Kingswood Drive Church was re-dedicated on June 24, 2007, and an open house is planned for Saturday, July 21, 2007:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our sincerest congratulations to the Fulton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on the illustrious occasion of their open house and to wish them every success and prosperity in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Fulton Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Offered by \_

Representative Danie Moore District No. 20

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4277, adopted July 20, 2007.